EmerTech: Emerging Technologies for Sensing Applications

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Motivation

• This special track is dedicated to recent developments in emerging technologies for sensing devices and applications.

• These techniques possess outstanding features: thin, lightweight, flexible, large-scale manufacturing, environmental-friendly devices and produced at low cost.

• There are still challenges to overcome.
Things connected to Things ➔ possible to access data from a distance and to remotely monitor and control our physical world.

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**Hybrids electronics**
Contributions

1. Title: **UHF Printed Sensor for Force Detection**. Presenter: **Almudena Rivadeneyra**

2. Title: **Screen Printable Electrochemical Capacitors on Flexible Substrates**. Presenter: **Francisco J. Romero**

3. Title: **Low-Cost Energy-Autonomous Sensor Nodes Through RF Energy Harvesting and Printed Technology**. Presenter: **Fernando Moreno-Cruz**
Projection on future challenges

- Mass production of printed electronic devices
- Durability of such devices
- Strategies to integrate emerging processes with conventional ones